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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect all claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Any previous indication of allowability has been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

a. Claims 2-3, 5-8, 10-11, 17-19, 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bingham further in view of Wu. Bingham discloses all of the limitations of the instant invention except for the device being foldable. Thus, Wu teaches a foldable device. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bingham in view of the teaching of Wu such that a device is compacted for storage or transport when not in use.

b. Claims 2-3, 17-19, 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flynn further in view of Wu. Flynn discloses all of the limitations of the instant invention except for the device being foldable. Thus, Wu teaches a foldable device. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Bingham in view of

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the teaching of Wu such that a device is compacted for storage or transport when not in use.

3. Claims 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21-25 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to L. Amerson whose telephone number is (703) 306-5576. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri from 8-5 p.m. Interviews Tue. and Thur.. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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